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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A fuel cartridge for a liquid fuel cell, comprising a liquid fuel used directly for generation of electric power in a liquid fuel cell, a fuel storage container storing the liquid fuel and a fuel supply port for taking out [a] the liquid fuel stored in from the fuel storage container, the fuel supply port being configured so as to seal the liquid fuel internally in the fuel storage container,

wherein the fuel cartridge for a liquid fuel cell includes a fuel supply port protecting mechanism is provided at so as to cover the fuel supply port so as to protect the fuel supply port physically, and

the fuel supply port protecting mechanism includes a door for opening/closing an opening provided between the fuel supply port and an outside, and a lock mechanism for locking the door so that the door does not open, an opening in which a driving portion is inserted, the driving portion being provided in an insertion port of the liquid fuel cell in which the fuel cartridge is inserted, and a film that closes the opening.

2. (Original) The fuel cartridge for a fuel cell according to claim 1, wherein physical access to the fuel supply port is not allowed unless a lock by the lock mechanism is cancelled and the door is opened.

3. (Original) The fuel cartridge for a fuel cell according to claim 1, wherein the fuel supply port protecting mechanism further includes a mechanism capable of confirming that a lock by the lock mechanism is cancelled.

4. (Original) A fuel cell comprising the fuel cartridge for a fuel cell of claim 1 and an insertion port in which the fuel cartridge is inserted,

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wherein the insertion port includes a lock cancel system for canceling a lock by the lock mechanism, and a driving portion for performing an opening operation of the door.

5. (Currently Amended) A fuel cartridge for a fuel cell, comprising a fuel storage container and a fuel supply port for taking out a fuel stored in the fuel storage container, wherein a fuel supply port protecting mechanism is provided at the fuel supply port,

the fuel supply port protecting mechanism includes a least a first valve and a second valve provided in series on a fuel passage connecting the fuel storage container to the fuel supply port,

at a case of the fuel cartridge, a first opening is provided between the first valve and an outside, and a second opening is provided between the second valve and the outside, and

an opening operation of the first valve is performed via the first opening, and an opening operation of the second valve is performed via the second opening.

6. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell comprising the fuel cartridge for a fuel cell of claim 5 and an insertion port in which the fuel cartridge is inserted,

wherein the insertion port includes a first driving portion and a second driving portion for opening the first and second valves simultaneously.

7-8. (Canceled)